



FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS IN CALIFORNIA

ALREADY AT WORK PUTTING STIMULUS DOLLARS WHERE THEY ARE NEEDED MOST, CREATING JOBS

“This economic stimulus package will bring to California \$80-plus billion, \$35 billion in tax benefits and \$50 billion in infrastructure and education and affordable housing and green technology and global warming ... So we in California, we are pushing, pushing and pushing ...because it means jobs for us.”

(Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, [3/18/09](#))

Today, Governor Schwarzenegger joins President Barack Obama at a town hall discussion in Los Angeles to discuss the economy and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). As one of the few Republican governors who stands with President Barack Obama in support of the ARRA, Governor Schwarzenegger has pledged to get as much benefit for California as possible out of the Act.

California already has taken immediate action to put federal stimulus dollars into our economy where they will help the unemployed and create jobs. Just weeks since the passage of the stimulus package, dollars are already generating economic activity and job creation: 57 transportation projects up-and-down California were certified to receive federal funds; California’s unemployed are receiving the relief of an additional \$25 per week in their unemployment checks; and a new program, the California Green Corps, is being created to train at-risk youth to fill the tens of thousands of jobs our green economy will demand in the next decade.

The following are just some of the actions California has already taken related to federal stimulus funding:

\$625 Million Is Already Slated For 57 Infrastructure Projects. Of the approximately \$2.57 billion set aside for California’s highways, local streets and roads, freight and passenger rail, and port infrastructure, the Governor has already certified \$625 million for 57 projects that will create over 11,000 jobs. (Gov. Schwarzenegger, “Gov. Schwarzenegger Highlights Job Creation of Infrastructure Projects First In Line For Federal Economic Stimulus Funding,” [Press Release](#), 3/18/09)

- California is estimated to receive a total of \$7 billion in infrastructure funding. Those are dollars that will create tens of thousands of jobs to help our economy recover now, and rebuild California for a prosperous future. (California’s Economic Recovery Website, <http://www.recovery.ca.gov/>, Accessed 3/19/09)
- Governor Schwarzenegger prominently led the call for increased investment nationwide and aggressively advocated for infrastructure funding in the economic stimulus package. In December of last year, Governor Schwarzenegger sat down face-to-face with President Obama and urged him to make a large and immediate commitment to national infrastructure investment. (Gov. Schwarzenegger, “Gov. Schwarzenegger Urges President-Elect Obama To Make National Commitment To Infrastructure Investment In Federal Economic Recovery Plan,” [Press Release](#), 12/2/08)

California’s Unemployed Are Already Receiving Greater Benefits. Just two weeks after the stimulus bill passed, the unemployed began receiving an additional \$25 per week - claimants did not even need to contact the Employment Development Department (EDD). (EDD, “Californians Receiving Unemployment To See Additional \$25 In Federal Economic Stimulus Money Added To Benefit Checks,” [Press Release](#), 3/3/09)

- The extra dollars are providing added relief to close to 1 million people while pumping more dollars into California’s economy. It’s estimated that close to a million unemployed workers in California are currently collecting regular UI, federal extension, or Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) benefits. (EDD, “Californians Receiving Unemployment To See Additional \$25 In Federal Economic Stimulus Money Added To Benefit Checks,” [Press Release](#), 3/3/09)

\$10 Million Of Increased Workforce Investment Act Funds Are Being Used Create The California Green Corps. The California Green Corps is a program aimed at building up the state’s green workforce and reaching out to underserved youth.

- The Green Corps furthers the shared vision of the Governor and President Obama to bolster the green economies of our state and nation. In the next decade, California will need tens of thousands of skilled workers to fill the jobs of the green economy – the California Green Corps will provide the workforce to fill those jobs; with at least 1,000 at-risk youths ready to excel in green jobs within 20 months. (Gov. Schwarzenegger, “Governor Schwarzenegger Launches The California Green Corps, [Press Release](#), 3/16/09)
- The California Green Corps will bolster California’s green workforce up and down the state. There will be at least 10 regional Green Corps, one in each of state’s nine economic regions, meaning that green companies from San Diego to the Oregon Border will be able to take advantage of the trained and skilled green workers this program will produce. (Gov. Schwarzenegger, “Governor Schwarzenegger Launches The California Green Corps, [Press Release](#), 3/16/09)

Launched www.recovery.ca.gov For Californians To Track How And When Stimulus Dollars Are Being Received And Spent. The Web site will allow Californians to monitor ongoing American Recovery and Reinvestment Act activity and provide up-to-date information about how and when their federal tax dollars are spent. (Gov. Schwarzenegger, “Gov. Schwarzenegger Launches Federal Economic Stimulus Transparency & Accountability Website For Californians,” [Press Release](#), 3/13/09)

- The Web site will make it easier to understand how to apply for competitive funds and access programs. Reporting included on the Web site will include announcements for grant competitions, allocations of formula grants and awards of competitive grants. (Gov. Schwarzenegger, “Gov. Schwarzenegger Launches Federal Economic Stimulus Transparency & Accountability Website For Californians,” [Press Release](#), 3/13/09)